

RARO Team Member Equipment List

In the event of a callout, it is imperative that all RARO team members have the correct gear and that each member knows what the other crew members will be carrying.

In developing this proposal, it is important that a few key concepts be considered for every item of equipment:

- This list is not exhaustive – it's a minimum.
- Weight vs. usefulness or gain.
- Terrain and season (i.e. tasked for a bush based search may require different gear from a mid winter avalanche rescue vs. steep rock rescue).
- A team may elect to leave certain items but this should be a considered group decision based on knowledge of wx, mission, terrain etc.

I suggest we take as a minimum:

1. Alpine Climbing Pack minimum 45 L (patrol pack would be minimum size)
2. Ice tool(s)
3. Crampons (adjusted prior to leaving VC or IMT)
4. Climbing Helmet UIAA (if attending from ski area etc, ski helmets may work??)
5. Full storm gear (g tex outer shell)
6. Climbing boots (that fit crampons)
7. Sit harness + slings to make chest harness (for strop or other)
8. Goggles + Glasses
9. Spare insulation layer (puffer or fleece)
10. Sleeping mat (small)
11. Avalanche transceiver, probe and shovel
12. Crabs – 3x lockers, 2x snappers
13. Purcell Prussiks – 1x long for personal safety
14. 10-15m cordalette of 8mm nylon or similar (8-11 kN,)
15. Personal prussik for abseiling etc.
16. Gloves (suitable for environment and for rope work)
17. Bivi Bag or similar
18. Food and water for 12 hours
19. Headlamp and spare batts
20. 1st aid kit
21. Whistle
22. Topo 1:50,000 scale map of the area + compass

In addition to all this each team needs:

1. GPS
2. Radio (DOC)
3. Patient gear – appropriate for incident type stretcher, O2 etc....
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